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Comments: I am vehemently opposed to this project for many reasons. The primary reason is we need to protect the wildlife in the area and their breeding/birthing grounds. This project will go right in the middle of these areas. The increased traffic and noise will greatly impact the wildlife in the area. Additionally, the increased traffic on Mill Creek road will increase human impact to the area. This project needs to move closer to Bend where the biking population resides. Why force the biking population to drive 90 minutes to this locale, when there are numerous areas closer to Bend to build a new trail system.

Mill Creek road, after it turns to gravel, is always in disrepair and is unsafe to drive on due the extremely high levels of traffic. I have nearly left the road surface numerous times due to the washboard road conditions. With this new trail system, traffic levels will triple, thus creating a very unsafe condition for those of us who live off of the road.

Fire danger will increase as well due to the increased traffic. I am moving my family to our new home this Summer and I do not want to put their lives in jeopardy due to the increased fire risk.

Please stop this project now. Please locate a new project closer to the users; near Bend. It just makes the most sense. I have served nearly 30 years in our nation's military and have dreamed of living in an area like the Ochocos my entire life. Please don't destroy our privacy and solitude with such a frivolous project. Please don't destroy our natural resources in the area. Please don't destroy the sanctuary we have here for our wildlife. I moved out here to be a steward for the forest and for our wildlife. The project is in direct conflict with these endeavors. I pray you see how this project is a very bad idea for all of us and our wildlife/resources. Thank you for your time and please call me if you would like any further clarification. 360 921-1811